

SENATE RESOLUTION 289

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION urging the Board of Control of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association to readopt a certain basketball rule.

WHEREAS, the sport of basketball is part of our rich American heritage and tradition and, as such, is an integral part of the teaching and learning process through which the youth of our great Nation pass; and

WHEREAS, in years past, high school basketball players who committed a foul were required to raise their hands in order to indicate that they indeed did commit the foul; and

WHEREAS, raising one's hand in acknowledgement of a foul is a reflection of the highest ideals of sportsmanship, a recognition of one's faithful submission to authority, and a sign of accountability for one's actions; and

WHEREAS, in generations past, this was not merely the custom, but rather a mandatory rule from 1950 to 1974; and

WHEREAS, this simple action, in addition to being helpful to the referees and scorers, is a facet of basketball that current fans dearly miss; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we urge the Board of Control of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association to readopt the rule requiring players to raise their hands upon the commission of a foul, so as to reinforce the spirit of ethical sportsmanship inherent in our traditions of athletic competition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Board of Control of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association.